

Great Western Rail-Road Company

At a Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company, held in the Court House, on Monday, the 2nd instant, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year;

E. C. THOMAS, Esq., Sheriff, presided; J. T. GILKISON, Esq., acting as Secretary.

The Chairman, having explained the object of the Meeting, called on the Secretary to read the REPORT of the retiring Directors:

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

The directors avail of your annual meeting to report their proceedings during their year of office; in which they include a review of the present position and prospects of your Company.

At your meeting, 14th October last, held to authorise calls for instalments, your Directors submitted a Report, detailing their proceedings to that date; in which they announced the Subscription for Stock by the City of Hamilton, and the actual commencement of the work by the contractors. They have now to acquaint you of the additional subscriptions for Stock by the County of Oxford and the Towns of London and Galt, each for twenty-five Thousand Pounds Provincial Currency, and of the *unanimous* passage of a By-law, by the Rate-payers of the County of Middlesex, authorising the proper officers of that County to confirm and subscribe for a similar amount which subscription is expected to be perfected very shortly,—and other Municipalities are willing to take stock if required.

With the foregoing Stock taken by Corporations, and the subscriptions of private Shareholders, your Board felt justified in gradually extending the works, and there is at the present time a force employed on the line, between this City and Woodstock, equal to three thousand men, besides the necessary Engineers, Agents, &c., &c. The sections between Woodstock and London are staked out, ready for work, and the contractors notified to commence the grading operations. The cuttings on this part of the line, however, are light, and can be made ready for the superstructure in a much shorter period of time than the heavier works on the east side of the Grand River.

Your Board, relying on the Provincial Guarantee, to furnish one-half the cost of the road, have resolved to limit the issue of shares to Forty Thousand: Ten Thousand of which they have placed at the disposal of Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Atcheson, the Agents for the Company in Great Britain; and other Ten Thousand shares they have, *by agreement*, reserved for subscription by Railroad Corporations and Capitalists, interested in your road, belonging to the neighboring States; and with the view of this latter subscription being carried into effect at an early day, three gentlemen of the highest respectability, having very great experience in railway matters, and being connected with and possessing the confidence of corporations and individuals from whom the largest subscriptions are to be got: viz, Erastus Corning, of Albany, John M. Forbes, of Boston, and J. W. Brooks, of Detroit, Esquires, have become, by the purchase of Stock, qualified to be Directors of your Company, and the retiring Directors beg to recommend the election of said Gentlemen by the Stockholders present, as part of the Board for the coming year.

Until the subscriptions for Stock sent to Great Britain, or for the United States, are perfected, and the necessary instalments paid thereon, your Board have confined, and are restricting the outlay of money to the parts of the road which can be finished with the present available resources of the Company, that is to say, the division between this City and London, and the line to Galt; and so soon as the subscriptions referred to are received, (no doubt is entertained of their being perfected during the present month,) the retiring Directors recommend their successors to force the completion of the whole line without delay.

The receipts of the Company to the present time amount to Eighty-one Thousand Five hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds, Two Shillings and Five-pence, currency, and the Disbursements to Fifty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Nine-pence, leaving on hand (the balance) Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven Pounds, Nine Shillings and Eight-pence. The Directors have further to state, that an arrangement has been concluded with your Bankers, by which a current credit to the extent of Fifty Thousand Pounds Provincial Currency has been established, on terms considered favorable to the Company.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

ROBERT W. HARRIS, *President*.

RAILWAY OFFICE, HAMILTON, }
2nd June, 1851. }

Moved by W. L. Distin, Esq., seconded by Mr. R. Bull,

Resolved,—That the Report just read and submitted to this Meeting be adopted, and the same be published.

Moved by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by W. L. Distin, Esq.,

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Shareholders are especially due to the President, Robert W. Harris, Esq., for the time and attention he has devoted to the affairs of the Company during the past year, and that the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be presented to him, not as an adequate remuneration, but as an acknowledgment of the valuable services he has rendered the Company at a period of so much importance to their interests.

(In acknowledging which, the President respectfully declined accepting the £250.)

Moved by Miles O'Reilly, Esq., seconded by Edward Jackson, Esq.,

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Meeting are due, and that they are hereby tendered, to the Directors for the past year.

Moved by John Whyte, Esq., seconded by Jas. B. Ewart, Esq.,

Resolved,—That the special thanks of this Company are due, and are hereby tendered, to Sir Allan N. McNab, the representative of this City, for the services which he has rendered to the Company in his place in Parliament.

Moved by Sir Allan N. McNab, seconded by Geo. S. Tiffany, Esq.,

Resolved,—That Alex. Campbell, and W. L. Distin, Esqrs., be requested to act as scrutineers.

The election of Directors was then proceeded with, and the following gentlemen declared duly elected:—

ROBERT W. HARRIS, Esq., Hamilton; SIR ALLAN N. McNAB, Esq., Dundurn; HENRY MCKINSTRY, Esq., RICHARD JUBON, Esq., JNO. YOUNG, Esq., GEORGE S. TIFFANY, Esq., Hamilton; W. H. DICKSON, Esq., M. P. P., Niagara; WM. P. McLAREN, Esq., Hamilton; ERASTUS CORNING, Esq., Albany; JOHN M. FORBES, Esq., Boston; J. W. BROOKS, Esq., Detroit.

On motion of Walter H. Dickson, Esq., the Sheriff left the Chair, and the same being taken by Sir Allan N. MacNab, the thanks of the meeting were then given to the Sheriff for his conduct in the Chair.

(Signed,)

J. T. GILKISON, *Secretary*.

COURT HOUSE, }
Hamilton, June 3, 1851. }

At a meeting of the Directors, subsequent to the above, Robert W. Harris, and W. P. McLaren, Esqrs., were respectively elected President and Chairman of the Company.

(Signed,)

J. T. GILKISON, *Secretary*.

OFFICE OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD CO., }
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